

BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

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# The • Historical • Society

OF ONTARIO.



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## By-Laws.

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### *REGULAR MEETINGS.*

1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 8 o'clock p.m.

### *SPECIAL MEETINGS.*

2. Special meetings may be called by authority of the President or either of the Vice-Presidents, and it shall be the duty of any of such officers to call a special meeting if thereunto requested in writing by at least five active members.

### *ORDER OF BUSINESS.*

The order of business at the meetings of the Society shall be as follows:—

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading and confirming of minutes.
3. Reading and referring of correspondence, applications, etc.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Inquiries and notices of motion.
6. Nomination and election of members.
7. Unfinished and miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

*AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.*

No alteration in or addition to the By-Laws shall be made unless such alteration or addition shall have been proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Society at least four weeks previously, and unless such alteration or addition shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

TORONTO, *April 25th*, 1888.

# Constitution.

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## *NAME.*

The name of the Society shall be THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

## *OBJECTS.*

Its objects shall be :

1. To prosecute researches into the history and archaeology of the Province of Ontario, and into the genealogy of the inhabitants thereof.
2. To publish the results of those researches, in so far as may be deemed advisable.
3. To collect and maintain a library of books, pamphlets and manuscripts, more especially such as relate to the history of this Province.
4. To collect and preserve such archaeological and other specimens and relics as tend to illustrate that history.

## *MEMBERSHIP.*

The Society shall consist of active and honorary members.

Active members resident in the City of Toronto, or

within five miles thereof, shall pay a subscription fee of two dollars per annum, in advance.

Active members resident beyond those limits shall pay a fee of one dollar per annum, in advance.

Honorary members shall be admitted without fee or imposition of any kind.

Honorary membership shall be conferred only upon such persons, wheresoever resident, as, in the opinion of the Society, may for some special reason be considered entitled to such distinction.

Payment by any member of a fee of twenty-five dollars shall entitle him to life membership, and from the time of such payment he shall be free from all annual and other fees whatsoever.

From and after the 1st day of May next, no person shall be admitted to membership unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general meeting of the Society.

All votes for membership shall be by ballot.

The proceedings enacted at a meeting of the Society held at the Canadian Institute on Wednesday, the 11th of April, instant, are hereby approved and confirmed.

#### *OFFICERS.*

The officers of the Society shall consist of fifteen persons, all of whom shall be active members, viz.: a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, and eleven other members. These shall form the Executive Council

of the Society, and the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members thereof.

The government and exclusive management of the Society's affairs shall be and hereby is vested in the said Executive Council, at least five members whereof shall be necessary to form a quorum.

The Executive Councillors shall in future be elected annually by ballot, at an annual meeting to be held at the headquarters of the Society, or at such other place as may be agreed upon, at 8 o'clock in the evening of the third Tuesday in April of each successive year.

If any member of the Executive Council shall be absent from the meetings for a continuous period of three months, unless by reason of illness, absence from the Province, or other just cause, his office may be declared vacant by the Society, and a successor elected in his stead.

In case of the demission of office by any Executive Councillor, whether by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy thereby created shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the Society by the election of another member in his place; and the person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person vacating the same.

The President, or, in case of his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or, in case of their absence, a chairman *pro tem*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall have a casting vote. He shall be entitled to decide all questions of order; and his decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Executive Council, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes and records of the Society, and give due notice of its meetings. For the time being, and until the appointment of a special officer for that purpose shall become necessary, he shall also act as librarian. He shall receive all moneys of the Society, and disburse the same subject to the order of the Executive Council. He shall furthermore keep an account of the receipts and expenditure, and submit the same to the Society at its annual meeting.

#### *AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.*

This constitution may be altered or amended only at a general meeting of the Society. Notice of any proposed amendments must be in writing, and must be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer at least four weeks previous to such general meeting.



# The Historical Society of Ontario.

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>President,</i>           | HON. G. W. ALLAN, D.C.L.         |
| <i>1st Vice-President,</i>  | COL. GEORGE T. DENISON, F.R.S.C. |
| <i>2nd " "</i>              | D. A. O'SULLIVAN, LL.D.          |
| <i>Secretary-Treasurer,</i> | JOHN CHARLES DENT, F.R.S.C.      |

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| WILLIAM CANNIFF, M.D. | ALLAN McLEAN HOWARD.      |
| C. A. HIRSCHFELDER.   | C. EGERTON RYERSON.       |
| DAVID BOYLE.          | CANNIFF HAIGHT.           |
| ROBERT W. DOAN.       | WILLIAM HAMILTON MERRITT. |
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| PROFESSOR DALE.       |                           |